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Man Sentenced to Three Years in Prison For Fatally Stabbing Dog

A 22-year-old man was sentenced today to three years in state prison for brutally stabbing a dog that died later from its injuries, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Edwin Manuel Manzanarez pleaded no contest last month to one count each of felony animal cruelty and misdemeanor assault.

Deputy District Attorney Scott Dominguez said that Manzanarez got into an argument with the dog's owner on Jan. 17 after the defendant claimed the 8-year-old Jindo mix named Torrito had previously bitten him. During the argument, Manzanarez punched the dog's owner and ran away.

Manzanarez returned later with a kitchen knife and repeatedly stabbed the dog, leaving him disemboweled, the prosecutor said. Torrito was rushed to a veterinarian hospital and underwent surgery, but later died.

The defendant also was ordered to pay \$3,000 in restitution for veterinary services.

Case BA434901 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department's Animal Cruelty Task Force.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.